

Senate Resolution 938

By: Senator Zamarripa of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Zoo Atlanta; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Zoo Atlanta, founded in 1889 as Grant Park Zoo, is one of the ten oldest zoos
3 in continuous operation in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Zoo Atlanta has been highly successful in educating and entertaining visitors
5 and citizens; conducting science discovery quests and promoting science; providing
6 industry-leading animal care; building the institutional foundation to sustain delivery of these
7 many projects and services in long-term financial stability with highly qualified employees
8 and well-maintained physical infrastructure; and

9 WHEREAS, Zoo Atlanta, which welcomes nearly 700,000 visitors annually from across
10 Georgia and the nation, is one of only four zoos in the United States to house and study giant
11 pandas; and

12 WHEREAS, Zoo Atlanta is home to the nation's only successful captive breeding group of
13 Africa's most endangered primate species, drill monkeys, with nine mother-reared offspring;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the talented keepers of Zoo Atlanta dedicate countless hours caring for the wide
16 variety of fascinating animals who make their home in the zoo; and

17 WHEREAS, Zoo Atlanta's cross-continental conservation projects affect the protection and
18 study of endangered species all over the world, including giant pandas and threatened turtles
19 in Asia, mountain gorillas in Africa, and imperiled frogs in South America; and

20 WHEREAS, Zoo Atlanta is known for its innovative and effective programs as evidenced
21 in 2003 by being recognized as the "Best Animal Encounter from Afar" and its

1 NightCrawlers program being acknowledged as "The Best Family Overnight in Atlanta" by
2 *Atlanta* magazine; and in 2004 by being voted "Best Children's Outing" in *Atlanta* magazine,
3 nominated by *Child* magazine as "One of the Top 20 Zoos in America," named as one of
4 Atlanta's top-rated attractions and one of the top 50 attractions in the United States that
5 appeals to children by the Zagat Survey U.S. Family Travel Guide, and its Outback Station
6 awarded "Best New Hip-Hop Activity" in *Atlanta* magazine.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 join in commending Zoo Atlanta as a wonderful treasure for the state and its citizens.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Zoo Atlanta.